



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 24, 2009

**H.R. 1061
Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on July 9, 2009*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1061 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2010-2014 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 1061 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1061 would transfer 37 acres of land from the National Park Service (NPS) to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe in Washington. Upon conveyance to the tribe, BIA also would take into trust an additional 460 acres of nonfederal land acquired by the tribe, provided that certain conditions specified in the bill are met. The bill also would extend the boundaries of the tribe's reservation to include conveyed and NPS lands. Based on information from BIA and NPS, we estimate that transferring the lands into trust would not result in large costs over the next five years.

The tribe could seek funding from BIA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for certain services on the new reservation land; those resources are subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and H.R.1061 would not specifically authorize funding for those activities. In addition, according to the Department of the Interior, the NPS lands currently generate no receipts from mineral leasing or other activities and are not expected to do so during the next 10 years. Therefore, CBO estimates that conveying the land would not affect offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending).

H.R. 1061 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The tribe would benefit from the transfer of land.

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